



Parasha #29

AJarei Mot

אֲחֵרֵי מוֹת

Themes of this parasha



Death of Aaron's sons



The day of Yom Kippur



Blood as a means of atonement



Forbidden sexual relations



SIGNIFICADO:

"Después de la muerte"
Vaikrá (Levítico) 16:1 – 18:30

Mitzvot



26 Negative and 2 Positive

Yahweh spoke to Moses after the death of Aaron's two sons, who died when they approached Yahweh's presence too closely. Yahweh said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he cannot come to the Holy Place behind the curtain, in front of the mercy seat that is over the ark, whenever he wants, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. Only in this way shall Aaron enter the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. He shall be dressed in a holy linen tunic, with linen undergarments close to his body, and he shall be girded with a white linen sash, and he shall wear a linen turban. These are the holy garments; he shall bathe his body with water and then put them on."





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Aaron will then offer his bull as a sin offering to make atonement for himself and his family. He will slaughter his bull as a sin offering and take a censer full of burning coals from the altar before the Lord, along with two handfuls of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring it behind the curtain. He will throw the incense into the fire before the Lord, so that the cloud of incense will cover the lid on the ark of the covenant, so that it will not die. Then he will slaughter the people's goat as a sin offering and bring its blood behind the curtain. He will do with its blood as he did with the bull's blood: he will sprinkle it on the cover and in front of the cover. Thus he will cleanse the sanctuary from the uncleanness and transgressions of the Israelites, for all their sins, and he will do the same for the tent of meeting, which remains with them in the midst of their uncleanness.





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When he has finished purifying the sanctuary, the tent of meeting, and the altar, they shall bring the live goat. Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities and transgressions of the Israelites, all their sins, putting them on the goat's head. Then they shall send it away into the wilderness by a designated man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a place beyond their reach, and they shall release the goat in the wilderness. Aaron shall go into the tent of meeting, remove the linen garments he wears when he enters the sanctuary, and leave them there. He shall bathe his body in water in the holy place and put on his garments. Then he shall come out and present his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, making atonement for himself and for the people. He shall burn the fat of the sin offering on the altar.



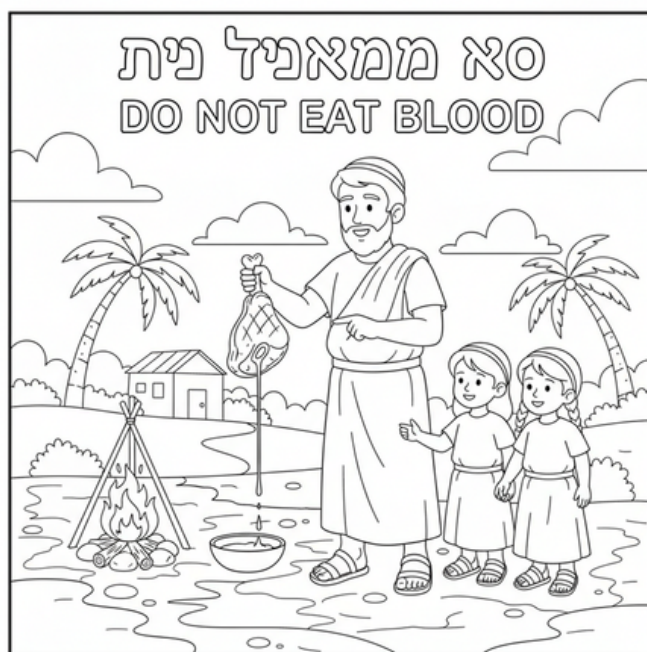


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The one who released the scapegoat must wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; after that he may return to the camp. The bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought to purify the Sanctuary, must be taken outside the camp; their hides, their flesh, and their dung must be burned with fire. The one who burns them must wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; after that he may return to the camp. This will be a perpetual statute for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month, you must practice self-denial; you must not do any work, whether a native-born citizen or a foreigner residing among you. For on that day atonement will be made for you to cleanse you from all your sins; you will be clean before the Lord. It will be a Sabbath of complete rest for you; you must practice self-denial; it is a perpetual statute. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelites and tell them: This is what the Lord has commanded: If anyone of the house of Israel sacrifices an ox, a sheep, or a goat in the camp or outside the camp, and does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to present it as an offering to the Lord, before the Tabernacle of the Lord, that person will be held responsible for bloodshed; they have shed blood. That person will be cut off from their people. Also tell them: If anyone of the house of Israel or of the foreigners residing among them presents a burnt offering or a sacrifice, and does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to offer it to the Lord, that person will be cut off from their people. And if anyone of the house of Israel or of the foreigners residing among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats the blood and will cut them off from their people." For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for your lives on the altar; it is the blood, as life, that makes atonement. Therefore I say to the people of Israel: No human being among you shall eat blood, nor shall any foreigner residing among you eat blood.





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Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the Israelites and tell them: I, Yahweh, am your God. You must not imitate the practices of the land of Egypt, where you lived, nor the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their laws. Only my rules must you observe, and you must faithfully follow my decrees: I, Yahweh, am your God. You must observe my decrees and my laws, by which humankind will live: I am Yahweh. None of you shall approach any of your fleshly relatives to uncover their nakedness. I am Yahweh. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother—you shall not uncover her nakedness. You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness."

But you must keep my laws and my rules, and you must not do any of those detestable things, neither the native-born nor the foreigner residing among you; for all those detestable things were done by the people who were on the earth before you, and the land became defiled. Whoever does any of those detestable things—those people shall be cut off from your people.

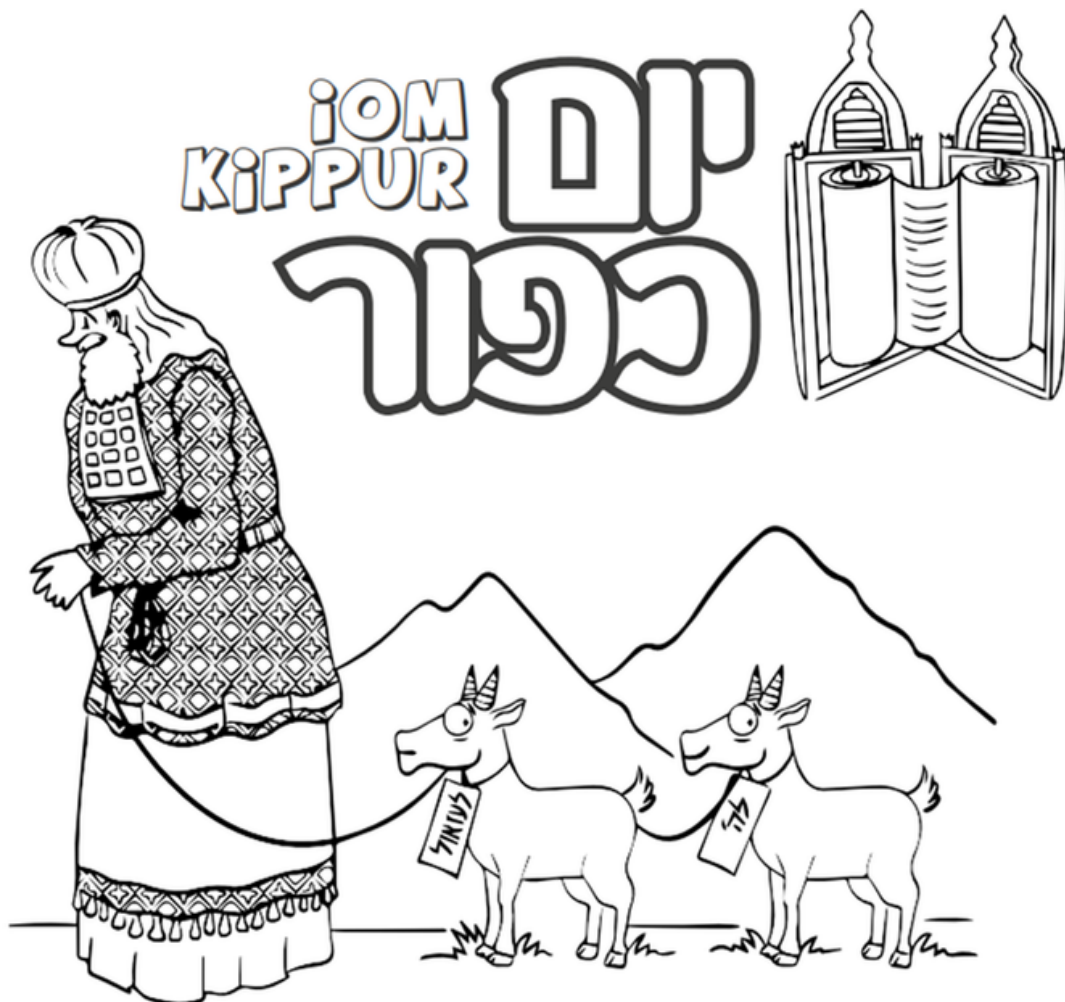


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Answer the following quiz

1. What does Ajarei mot mean?
 - a. To follow the will of Elohim
 - b. After the death of Aaron's two sons
 - c. When one enters behind the curtain
2. What fabric material was Aaron supposed to use when entering the Holy of Holies?
 - a. Wool
 - b. Polyester
 - c. Linen
3. What happened to the goat?
 - a. It was sacrificed and its blood sprinkled on the altar.
 - b. It was thrown into the desert.
 - c. It was allowed to wander around Jerusalem until it grew old.
4. What should we do on the 10th day of the seventh month?
 - a. Grieve and not work
 - b. Cleanse our houses of all leaven
 - c. Eat festive foods and celebrate the Exodus (departure)
5. What should be done with the blood of a wild animal or bird?
 - a. It should be drained and given to other wild animals to drink.
 - b. It should be boiled and then given to other animals.
 - c. It should be covered with powder.
6. What is done with the blood of an animal?
 - a. It can be eaten.
 - b. It cannot be eaten.
 - c. It can only be eaten if it is part of a sacrifice.